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Norway Dismisses Spy Suspect Before Trial

OSLO, April 7 (AP) — The Norwegian Government has dismissed Arne Treholt as head of the Foreign Ministry's press and information office without waiting for his espionage trial.

Mr. Treholt, 41 years old, was arrested Jan. 20 and charged with spying for the Soviet Union. The charges were later extended to include paid intelligence work for Iraq.

The decision to dismiss him was made in a State Council meeting on Friday and was permitted under the civil servant employment law, which allows dismissal for unworthy conduct.

Newspaper reports today said this

was the first time in 158 years that a Government official had been dismissed without a court decision.

The Foreign Ministry said the dismissal should not be seen as an "advance sentence."